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CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Ballard Highlights Dedication of DPW Staff to City Needs

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today declared the week of May 21 “Public Works Week” in Indianapolis, celebrating the employees of the City’s Department of Public Works (DPW) as a part of National Public Works Week. The week offers cities around the country the chance to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and improving quality of life.

“Our DPW employees are utilizing sustainable solutions to improve our residents’ quality of life while living within our means and reducing our environmental footprint,” said Mayor Ballard. “Our DPW team is achieving national recognition, and this is a great opportunity to say thank you to our staff who work so hard to make our city a better place.”

DPW Director Lori Miser praised the department’s collaborative efforts to build a more connected city.

“There is so much to be proud of when talking about this department,” said Miser. “Today we pat ourselves on the back for a continued job well done. Together we move Indianapolis forward, providing a vibrant city for today and future generations.”

Office of Disability Affairs Director Juli Paini highlighted DPW’s commitment to creating and maintaining a universally accessible infrastructure enabling all people including seniors and individuals with disabilities to participate in our community.

“Indianapolis has a tradition of inclusion and is recognized nationally as a model for a disability-friendly city,” said Paini. “The DPW employees have been leaders in this regard, addressing accessibility by working with individuals with disabilities throughout the planning and operations.”

2012 National Public Works Week is May 21-25 and celebrates the work of Public Works employees across the nation. To learn how the Indianapolis DPW works to serve residents, visitors and business every day, visit www.indy.gov/DPW.

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